

WELSH DENTAL COMMITTEE

Occupational Health- LHB should have put in a plan to WAG for future provision of the service. WAG has ring fenced money for next year and we have four months remaining this year to use current funding. This excludes the flu vaccine which is available for the whole dental team free of charge as a protected workforce. Needle stick injury protocol must not be confused with occupational health and there should be in place a well defined pathway centred on A and E.

In Wales the child pilot contract is not going to be extended but the "whole practice pilot" will go on into a second year. The pilots have had good reports and these reports plus evidence of the CDO asking the minister to extend pilots for one year can be seen on the CDO website.

There is to be a new Quality Expansion Plan – 1000 Lives plus which will be expanded locally.

The final paper on dental nurse training has been produced and a copy has been provided to the LDC and this paper will now be seen by the minister.

There were fifty replies to the NOHP consultation of which one came from our LDC- the final document will be published in January 2013. To be in line with the national oral health plan ABMU will have written plans to develop specialist services locally as part of a Local Oral Health Plan.

As usual D2S had a glowing report and all the good news can be viewed on the CDO website.

As we all know the 0.75 UDA allocation for scripts has been removed and there is to be a Welsh audit for HTMO1-05. There are continued group discussions, based in WAG, on developing Oral Surgery, special care dentistry and Orthodontics.

Oral cancer in Wales- Figures published recently say that there are 20 cases per 100,000 of population with 610 new cases in Wales. The incidence is increasing and the sites of presentation are changing with possible aetiology drifting from tobacco and alcohol towards a viral involvement.